

# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION III 1650 Arch Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029



## LOWER DARBY CREEK AREA SUPERFUND SITE

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## INTERVIEW SUMMARY Work Assignment ES002 Lower Darby Creek Area Site



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Type of Interview: Date of Interview:

In-Person March 29, 2003

On March 29, 2003, the WITNESS was interviewed at his residence by the potentially responsible of Tri-State Enterprise. The WITNESS was interviewed as part of the potentially responsible party search currently being conducted under Work Assignment NO. ES-002 involving the Lower Darby Creek Area, Delaware County, PA (the "Site"). This interview focused on the Folcroft Landfill (Folcroft) and the Clearview Landfill (Clearview). The WITNESS was provided with a copy of the letter of introduction, advised of the nature of the questions to be asked and advised that the interview was voluntary. The WITNESS advised that he is not represented by an attorney in this matter and did not want an attorney. No other persons were present and this interview was not tape-recorded.

During the course of this interview, the WITNESS responded to questions based on guidelines provided by the United States Environmental Protection Agency for former employees.

The WITNESS was shown an aerial photograph of the Site and this aerial photograph was used throughout the interview.

The WITNESS was asked to explain his association with the Site.

The WITNESS stated that he worked for Maritime, Inc. (Maritime) from 1969 to 1971 as a truck driver. The WITNESS stated that Maritime also traded as Maritime Refuse and Maritime Ship Cleaning. The WITNESS did not know the legal name of the Company. The WITNESS stated that Maritime operated out of a location at the old Pier 19 on Delaware Avenue (now Columbus Blvd.). The WITNESS stated that the Dave and Busters restaurant is now at that location.

The WITNESS stated that Maritime was a waste transport company that dealt primarily with the shipping industry located along Delaware and Packer Avenue in Philadelphia. The WITNESS stated that Maritime provided customers with roll-off containers and that Maritime used these roll-off containers to transport waste to disposal locations.

When asked how many roll-off containers Maritime had and to describe these containers, the WITNESS provided the following:



The WITNESS stated that Maritime had more than 100 roll-off containers and that these containers ranged in sizes of 20-cubic yard, 30-cubic yard and 40-cubic yards.

When asked to describe the types of clients Maritime had, the WITNESS stated that Maritime provided container service for ships moored at piers in Philadelphia. The WITNESS stated that he did not know if the Maritime customer was the ship moored or the pier owner. The WITNESS provided the names of the piers where he picked up Maritime containers.

- Pier 19
- Pier 53
- Pier 55
- Pier 96
- Pier 98
- Packer Avenue Piers

The WITNESS stated that each of the above Piers had 40-cubic yard containers located on the Piers. The WITNESS stated that these containers were picked up at least once a week by Maritime trucks and the contents were disposed of at a Landfill.

The WITNESS stated that Maritime also provided 40-cubic yard containers at Piers located on Packer Avenue. The WITNESS could not recall specific numbers for these piers.

When asked if Maritime had any commercial customers other than at the Piers, the WITNESS stated yes and provided the following.

- Container Corporation of America (CCA): The WITNESS stated that CCA is located on River Road in Philadelphia. The WITNESS stated that Maritime provided CCA with five 30-40-cubic yard containers. The WITNESS stated that Maritime picked up 4 to 5 containers every day from this location. The WITNESS described the waste as paper wood and some drums that were mixed in with the trash.
- Bud Company located on Red Lion Road: The WITNESS stated that Maritime provided one 30-cubic yard container at this location. He indicated that this container was picked up about once a day. The WITNESS stated that he did not know what type of waste was in these containers.
- Slim Jim Factory: The WITNESS stated that Slim Jim had a processing factory in Folcroft PA and that Maritime provided this Company with one 40-cubic yard container. He indicated that this container was picked up about two times each week. The WITNESS described this waste as food scraps, paper and wood.
- Allegheny Airlines (Allegheny): The WITNESS stated that Allegheny was located at the Philadelphia Airport. The WITNESS stated that Maritime provided Allegheny with one 30-cubic yard container that was picked up one time each day. He could not recall the types of waste.



- Philadelphia Airport, Overseas Terminal: The WITNESS stated that Maritime provided the Philadelphia Airport Overseas Terminal with one 40-cubic yard container that was picked up at least one time each day. The WITNESS stated that he could not recall the types of waste in these containers.
- Midvale Steel Company (Correct spelling unknown): The WITNESS stated that this company was located on Midvale Avenue in Philadelphia. The WITNESS stated that Maritime provided this Company with two 30-cubic yard containers that were picked up two times each day. The WITNESS described some of this waste as scrap metal.
- Triangle Publications: The WITNESS stated that this company is the Philadelphia Inquirer and was located on 15<sup>th</sup> Street below Spring Garden Street in Philadelphia. The WITNESS stated that Maritime provided this company with one 40-cubic yard container and that the waste included paper, wood and liquid ink.
- 16<sup>th</sup> and Spring Garden: The WITNESS stated that a company located at 16<sup>th</sup> and Spring Garden Streets in Philadelphia was a customer of Maritime. The WITNESS stated that he could not recall the name of this company, however, he stated that this company made electrical contacts and that Maritime provided this company with one 40-cubic yard container. The WITNESS stated that this waste included wires and electrical connectors.
- Lee Tire Company: The WITNESS stated that Maritime provided Lee Tire company with one 40-cubic yard container that was picked up once a day. The WITNESS stated that this waste included rubber, paper and wood.
- 5151 Lancaster Avenue: The WITNESS stated that a company that made floor wax was located at this address and was a customer of Maritime. The WITNESS stated that he could not recall the name of the company. He stated that a soup company purchased the company a few years ago. The WITNESS stated that Maritime provided this company with a 40-cubic yard container that was picked up at least once a day. The WITNESS stated that the waste included plastic bottles, paper and wood.
- Holiday Inn at 4<sup>th</sup> and Arch: The WITNESS stated that Maritime provided the Holiday Inn with one 30-cubic yard container that was picked up once a day. He could not recall the types of waste in this container.

When asked to identify where the waste from the above companies was disposed of, the WITNESS stated that Maritime disposed of waste at the following locations.

- Folcroft Landfill
- Clearview Landfill
- Fontaine Landfill: The WITNESS stated that this Landfill is located in Camden, New Jersey.
- Belmawr New Jersey: The WITNESS stated that he could not recall the name of this Landfill.



When asked if he disposed of waste from the above locations at the FocIroft Landfill and Clearview Landfill, the WITNESS stated yes. The WITNESS stated that he went to the Folcroft Landfill at night and he disposed of waste at the Clearview Landfill when the Folcroft Landfill was backed up. The WITNESS stated that he went to the Clearview Landfill less often than the Folcroft Landfill because he did not like Richie Heller. The WITNESS did not wish to discuss his dislike for Heller. The WITNESS stated that all of the other Maritime drivers also disposed of waste at the Folcroft and Clearview landfills but he did not know how the frequency.

When asked the names of the owners of Maritime, the WITNESS provided the following.

- Joe, Richard and Edward Breen.

The WITNESS stated that Schaivo Brothers purchased Maritime sometime after he left Maritime in 1971.

When asked the names of other truck drivers that drove for Maritime, the WITNESS provided the following.

- All of the Breen Brothers.
- Charles Bains
- Russell Tatum

The WITNESS stated that there were other drivers however he could not recall any additional names. The WITNESS added that Charles Bains had stated that he transported full 55-gallon steel drums to the Clearview Landfill.

When asked the names of other waste transport companies that he had observed disposing of waste at the Folcroft and Clearview Landfills, the WITNESS provided the following.

- William Schaeffer Refuse (Exact name unknown): The WITNESS stated that Schaeffer owned and operated numerous roll-off containers and disposed of waste a both the Folcroft and Clearview Landfills.
- Bernnies Hauling: The WITNESS stated that Bernnies disposed of waste at the Clearview Landfill. He did not know the nature of this waste.
- Eastern Industrial: The WITNESS stated that Eastern disposed of waste at both the Clearview and Folcroft Landfill.
- Schaivo Brothers: The WITNESS stated that Schaivo Brothers disposed of waste at the Folcroft Landfill. The WITNESS could not recall if Schaivo disposed of waste at the Clearview Landfill.



 Harvey and Harvey: The WITNESS stated that he recalls observing trucks from Harvey and Harvey disposing of waste at the Folcroft Landfill. He did not know if they disposed of waste at Clearview.

The WITNESS stated that there were many other waste transport companies that disposed of waste at the Folcroft and Clearview Landfills. He stated that he could not recall any specific names at the present time.

The WITNESS stated that he recalls an unusual incident that occurred in 1970. The WITNESS stated that a ship by the name of "New Castle Star" was moored at a Packer Avenue Pier for about six months. The WITNESS stated that a ship moored for that long of a period was very unusual. The WITNESS stated that Maritime provided this ship with one 30-cubic yard container and that this container was picked up about one time each week. The WITNESS stated that when he picked up the container he was told by one of the Breens to dispose of the waste at the incinerator at Delaware Avenue and Spring Garden Street. The WITNESS stated that this was also very unusual. The WITNESS stated that other drivers might have disposed of this waste at one of the Landfills.

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#### Interviewer's Comments and Suggested Follow-up Interviews

<u>Interviewer Comments:</u> The WITNESS was very cooperative and forthcoming. He indicated that he would contact me when he recalls the names of other transporters and/or generators.

The WITNESS stated that Charles Bains would have knowledge of numerous full 55-gallon steel drums that were disposed of at the Clearview Landfill.

The WITNESS offered the information about the New Castle Star and indicated that he believed some of this waste was disposed of at the Folcroft Landfill. The WITNESS indicated that some of the other Maritime drivers would have specific information regarding this. He indicated that this ship was a foreign ship and was probably in quarantine.

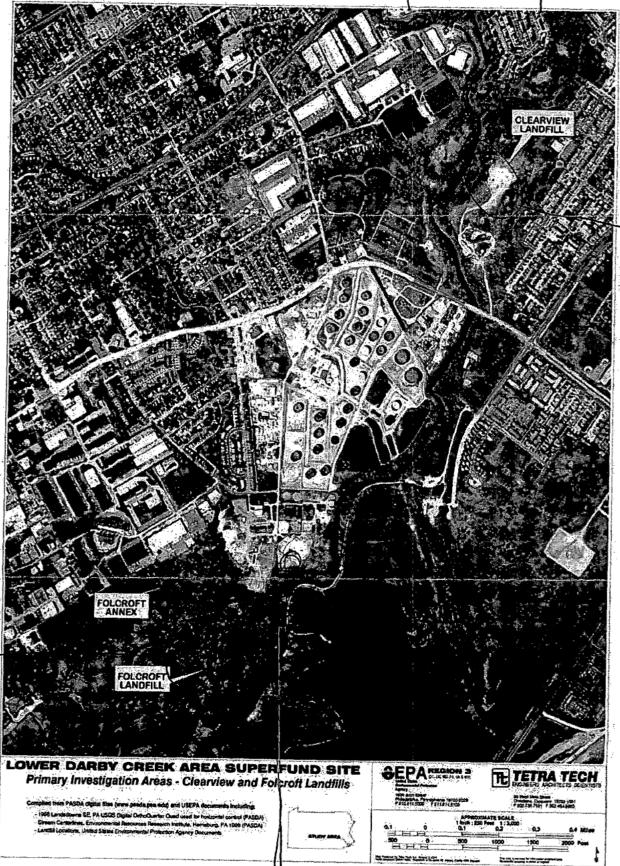
When asked if he wanted his name kept confidential to the extent possible, the WITNESS stated yes.

### Suggested follow-up Interviews:

- Charles Bains
- Russell Tatum

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